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St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

We warmly welcome you to
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Parish Office Hours TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS 10am-2pm.
New Parishioners Please complete a census form, found in the church foyer, and return it to the office or sacristy.
Baptism Sunday afternoons. Please contact Fr Mariusz to make an appointment for instruction.
Reconciliation WEDNESDAY 6.15 - 7pm, SATURDAY, 8 - 9am, 4.30 - 5.15pm, or please ring for an appointment.

The SIXTH WEEK in ORDINARY TIME MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	† Bernard Clune - <i>anniv.</i>
Tuesday	5.45 pm - Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time	for our parish
Wednesday	9.00 am - Mass (Parish) 5.45pm - Mass	ASH WEDNESDAY	† faithful departed † Amalia La Verghetta
Thursday	5.45 pm - Mass	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	† Anne Marie Bennington - <i>anniv.</i>
Friday	5.45 pm - Mass	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Ashleigh & baby Charles
Saturday	9.00 am - NO MASS	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	

The FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass		for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		† Felice Agoni - 55 th <i>anniv.</i>

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am	Last Sunday's Giving 08/02
Readers	V Kurak V Horgan	M Sherborne M Davila	Online donations \$ 1,253.00
Acolytes / Snr Svr	N Bowden-Jones	D Cleary	Loose 680.50
Altar Servers	E & D Samanta Z & Z Bernard	C Zimarino J Cherry E Skrapac M Mai	Tap & Go 785.91
Counters		L Bellandi G Di Latte	Votive candles 107.40
			Containers for Change.
			TOTAL \$2,826.81
			** WEEKLY TARGET \$2,500.00 **

Our parish bank account details:

Support our Parish: Second Collection * 086 006 * 66717 2345
Supporting Priests: First Collection * 086 006 * 70782 9728
Direct Debit: Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits

Thank You

...to our volunteers,
and for your generous support of our parish!

Please pray for:
parishioners who are unwell: Tony Bonavita, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori Valerio, Frank Genovese, Bernadette Taylor,
parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Antonia Bobanac, Clive Tilbrook, Fr. William Clery, Domenica Italiano, Richard Furlong, Max White, Winifred Curtain, Charlotte MacDonald, Patricia Chidlow, Francis Miller.



Liturgical Ministries

Acolytes	John Pereira	0401 623 521
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio	
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi	0412 980 261
Collectors & Counters	Dianne Smith	0408 569 969
Roster Coordinator	Simon Hehir	0437 786 023
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni	0411 123 575
Parish Social Committee	TBA	
Music	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848
Menora Gardens Chapel	Roslyn Robins	0457 969 057

Parish Ministries & Activities

Finance Committee	Michael Agostini	0416 376 793
Community Care	Francine Jones	0423 214 882
	Maree Clune	0429 722 846
St. Paul's Primary School	Leanne Fanetti	9462 6000
RCIA	Fr. Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn	0403 803 919
Parish Catechist	TBA	
Bible Study	Fr. Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
PREP Co-ordinator	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
Safeguarding Officer	Stephen Cain	0412 277 994
Safeguarding Officer	Linley Plowman	0407 383 914

Community News

**** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ****

Tue 17 Feb Shrove Tuesday Carnivale
9.30am Rosary for our children
- followed by pancakes
5.45pm Mass
- followed by BBQ and more!
Wed 18 Feb Ash Wednesday
Masses: 9am & 5.45pm

RCIA - New day and time

Mon, Feb 16 at 6.30pm. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates!

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN

Tue 9.30am: Join us in praying for our children and grandchildren. Rosary & Litany in church, followed by morning tea in the Undercroft. All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass with Imposition of Ashes: 9am (with school children) and 5.45pm.
NOTE: No 9am Mass at Acacia.

Fasting and abstinence regulations:

Fasting: ages 18-59 one meal, two snacks.

Abstinence (no meat): age 14 and older.

HOLY HOUR & ST JOSEPH DEVOTIONS After Mass on Ash Wednesday 6.15pm: Silent Adoration. Confessions available, followed by St Joseph devotions & simple Benediction.

STATIONS & BENEDICTION

Fridays in Lent 6.15pm. Following the 5.45pm evening Mass join us to walk the Way of the Cross with the Lord, in the words of St Paul. ****Acolytes and altar servers - please volunteer****

"COMPASSIO" LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS This Lent, enter into the heart of compassio—to "suffer with"—a grace-filled invitation to stand with Christ and with one another. The daily reflections have been prayerfully written by 20 clergy, religious, and lay contributors from across Australia and beyond. A great resource to guide your prayer and daily reflection. For sale in the church foyer, \$5 each.

SACRAMENTS DATES

Thur 19 Feb First Reconciliation
parent/child workshop
- 6.30pm at the school
Thur 26 Feb First Reconciliation
parent workshop
- 6.30pm in the church

PREP 2026 - Starts Mon, 23 Feb 4pm

For children preparing for Sacraments of Initiation (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation) who do not attend a Catholic school. To enroll contact Susan Brown 0403 441 525 or the parish.

ONGOING EXPENSES

THIS WEEK: Lenten program books \$751.43; gas - \$189.05; bookmarks & prayer cards - \$359.95; gardening - \$143.00
TOTAL \$1,443.43
NEXT WEEK: Rates - \$539.15; cleaning-\$374.00; DocuShred - \$128.70; copying - \$66.30 **TOTAL \$1,108.15**

The Wisdom of the Saints: Trials

Place a nail on a board. Will it ever go through the wood on its own, no matter how sharp it is? No, indeed. You will only sink it in the board by hitting it with a hammer. We are just the same - it is only by hammer blows that God manages to humble us, no matter how good our temperament might be. - St Anthony Mary Claret

There are people who make capital out of everything - even the winter. If it is cold, they offer their little sufferings to God. - St John Vianney

I ask God to open your eyes and allow you to see what hidden treasures He bestows on us in the trials from which non-believers think only to run away. - St John of Avila

God's grace has given the King a gracious frame of mind toward me, so that as yet the King has taken nothing from me but my liberty. In doing this, His Majesty has done me such great good in terms of spiritual profit that among all the great benefits he has heaped so abundantly upon me, I consider my imprisonment to be the very greatest. I cannot, therefore, mistrust the grace of God. - St Thomas More

If we can't rise above our trials, then lets crawl under them! - St Therèse of Lisieux



If you really want to,
you can keep
the Commandments.
The Lord sets before you
fire and water -
choose what you prefer.

A Meditation from The Imitation of Christ by Thomas à Kempis (1379-1471)

Chapter 21

That We Should Rest in God above All Else

Disciple:

In you all good exists perfectly and at once; It always was and it always will be. Therefore, whatever you give me, other than yourself, or whatever you reveal or promise to me is far too little, is not enough, as long as I do not see you or fully embrace you. My heart cannot truly rest nor be fully content, if it does not rise above all gifts and all created things and rest in you.

O my most beloved spouse, Jesus Christ, most pure lover, Lord of all creation, who will give me the wings of true freedom to fly to you and to rest in you? Oh, when shall I be free to see how sweet you are, my Lord God? When shall I find myself so completely absorbed in you that for love of you I shall not be conscious of myself but of you alone, beyond all ability to understand or to measure and in a way unique to me?

But now I often lament and bear my unhappiness with a heavy heart, for many evils befall me in this valley of tears. They often upset me, sadden me and cast a dark shadow over me.

Pastoral Ponderings

As we enter these penitential season of Lent, it is important to understand the tools the Church provides to help us clear away obstacles to God's grace. While we often use the terms interchangeably, penance, mortification, and resolution have distinct meanings based on whether they address our past, present, or future. Regardless of the practice, they must always be done for the love of God—not as self-improvement projects—and in a spirit of reparation, which simply means putting order into disorder. We are wounded by Original Sin. Further, by our own personal actual sins and our bad habits, we're further disordered. So we're going to apply attention and intention to putting order where we find disorder in our current or our former lives. We have to do these things for the love of God. Otherwise, they're at best worthless. In doing these things, we are going to suffer a little bit. And we're going to think about our suffering Saviour, who suffered for us first and who loved us first. So we're going to try and suffer with and for Christ.

Penance is giving up something pleasant or performing an unpleasant task now to make up for past sins. For example, if someone has a history of being impatient with others, they might perform a penance by intentionally volunteering to help people who specifically try their patience. This is an act of reparation to repair the offence against God and our neighbour that has already occurred.

Mortification comes from Latin word meaning "to make dead". It is an action taken now to counteract a present disorder in our appetites or habits. The goal is to "starve" a disordered desire by refusing to feed it. Examples include fasting to bring bodily appetites into subjection, setting strict hours for sleep to overcome sloth, or practicing "mortification of the eyes" by strictly choosing what we look at to avoid temptation. It is a way of showing our senses and emotions "who is in charge".

A Resolution is a decision to behave differently in the future. It involves identifying a current bad habit and resolving to replace it with a specific, better behaviour moving forward. For a resolution to be effective, it must be intelligent and specific. Rather than a vague goal to "be more prayerful," a fruitful resolution would be: "I resolve that every morning, right when I get out of bed, I will spend 15 minutes doing my morning prayers".

Ultimately, the goal of all three practices is the same: removing the obstacles that keep us from coming closer to God. By approaching these practices with courage and generosity, we prepare our souls to receive His grace more fully.